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510(k) Summary of Safety and Effectiveness
ArthroCare, Corporation

K01811

General Information

Manufacturer:

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Device Description

Classification Name: Electrosurgical Cutting and Coagulation Device and Accessories (21 CFR 878.4400)

Trade Name: Perc-D™ SpineWand™

Generic/Common Name: Electrosurgical Device and Accessories

Predicate Devices

- ArthroCare Orthopedic Electrosurgery System (System 2000) K992581
- Oratec SpineCATH Intradiscal Catheters K993967
- Coherent VersaPulse Select Single Wavelength (Ho:YAG) Dual Wavelength (Ho:YAG/Nd:YAG) Laser System K990947

Intended Use

The Perc-D SpineWand is indicated for ablation, coagulation, and decompression of disc material to treat symptomatic patients with contained herniated discs.

Product Description

The Perc-D SpineWand is a single use, disposable bipolar electrosurgical device designed to be used in conjunction with the ArthroCare System 2000.

Substantial Equivalence

In establishing substantial equivalence to the predicate devices, ArthroCare evaluated the indications for use, materials, technology, product specifications, and energy requirements of those systems. Additionally, performance testing has been completed to demonstrate the substantial equivalence of the Perc-D SpineWand to the predicate devices. The performance testing and device comparison demonstrated that the subject devices are substantially equivalent to the predicate devices, and are safe and effective for their intended use.

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Mr. Bruce Prothro
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Re: K010811
Trade/Device Name: Perc-D™ Spine Wand™
Regulation Number: 878.4400
888.1100
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: GEI, HRX
Dated: March 16, 2001
Received: March 19, 2001

Dear Mr. Prothro:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) notification of intent to market the device referenced above and we have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (Premarket Approval), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 895. A substantially equivalent determination assumes compliance with the Current Good Manufacturing Practice requirements, as set forth in the Quality System Regulation (QS) for Medical Devices: General regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic QS inspections, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will verify such assumptions. Failure to comply with the GMP regulation may result in regulatory action. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register. Please note: this response to your premarket notification submission does not affect any obligation you might have under sections 531 through 542 of the Act for devices under the Electronic Product Radiation Control provisions, or other Federal laws or regulations.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4659. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its internet address "http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html".

Sincerely yours,

for Mark N Melkerson

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Director
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Office of Device Evaluation
Center for Devices and
Radiological Health

Enclosure

Indications Statement

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510(k) Number: ~~K00~~ K010811

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Prescription Use (Per 21 CFR 801.109) X OR Over-the-Counter Use ____

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(Division Sign-Off)
Division of General, Restorative
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